1 - **“In Me You May Have Peace”** Part 1

**John 16:33; 14:27**

2 - **Understanding The Context**

* Jesus is speaking to His apostles **the week before His crucifixion**.
* **He has spoke 3 times of His impending death**, burial and resurrection. (Matthew 16:21; 17:22; 20:17-19)
* He is with them ***“a little while longer.”*** (John 13:33)
* **John 14** begins with *“****Do not let your heart be troubled****;* ***believe in God****,* ***believe also in Me****.”*

3 - **Understanding The Context**

The connection between **the revelation of the Holy Spirit and peace**.

* “***Teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”*** (John 14:26)
* Jesus then said in John 14:27, *“****Peace I leave with you****; My peace I give to you;* ***not as the world gives do I give to you****. Do not let your heart be troubled.”*
* Context of John 15…
* John 16:33

4 - **Understanding The Context**

**Context of John 15**… our relationship with Jesus Christ and the world.

**Context of John 16**… the “***advantage***” of Jesus going away. (vs. 7), the Holy Spirit would ***“guide you into all truth”***… that the apostles wrote down. (Ephesus 3:3-5)

* John 16:33, *“These things I have spoken to you,* ***so that in Me you may have peace****. In the world you have tribulation,* ***but take courage; I have overcome the world****.”*

5 - **The Peace of Christ - Not As The World Gives**

How does ***“the world”*** give peace?

How is **what Jesus gives any different**?

Note Philippians 4:4-6, *“Rejoice in the Lord always… Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men… Be anxious for nothing… and* ***the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus****.”*

* Again what is ***“the peace of God”***and how does it ***“surpass all comprehension”*?**

6 - **Not As The World Gives**

**The world** gives **temporal** and **superficial “peace”.** (Jeremiah 6:31-34) No change required!

The world gives **momentary “peace”** that **doesn’t last** and is **very circumstantial**. (Hebrews 11:25; Ecclesiastes 2:11)

Worldly peace is **fragile and fleeting**. Anything at all can disrupt it and it never lasts for long.

7 - **Peace Defined**

“**The tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ**, and so fearing nothing from God and **content with its earthly lo**t, of **whatsoever sort that is**.” (Thayer's Greek Lexicon)

It is **the outcome of our salvation (righteousness) in Christ** (Isaiah 32:17) and **being part of His spiritual Kingdom**. (Psalms 72:2-3)

**Which comes through hearing, faith and obedience to God’s word**. (John 14:26-27; Acts 10:36; Ephesians 6:15; Galatians 6:16)

8 – **Peace With Who?**

1. **First and foremost, God!**

* Our sin has **separated us from God**... (Isaiah 59:1-2)
* … And **made us enemies**. (Romans 5:10)
* **Reconciled** to Him through our faith in Christ. (Romans 5:1, 10-11; Colossians 1:19-23)
* Those *“separate from Christ”* and *“far off”* have been ***“brought near”* through Christ** through the **preaching of the gospel**. (Ephesians 2:13-17;   
  cf., Acts 10:36)

9 - **Peace with who?**

1. **With all others - (Hebrews 12:14; Mark 9:50;** cf., vs. 34)

* The call to be ***“peacemakers”*** (Matthew 5:9)
* **With the lost**. (Acts 10:36; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21)
* **With our brethren**.
* *“****So far as it depends on you****…”* Romans 12:18)
* **Peace at any cost**? Accept any false teaching?
* **What about when we cannot be at peace with God (foremost) and man**? (Matthew 10:34ff)

10 - **Peace with who?**

1. **With ourselves!**

* Filled with all joy and peace. (Romans 15:13)
* (Philippians 4:4-7)